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June 19, 2007

TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Philip L. Browning, Director

**SUBJECT: GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)
(BOARD ORDER #83 - JUNE 15, 1999)**

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached is the semi-annual report of key GROW statistics for November 2006 through April 2007 and an update on the GROW Program.

From November 2006 through April 2007, we placed 4,493 participants in jobs. A total of 79,629 job placements have been achieved since the implementation of the GROW Program in February 1999.

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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**GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
NOVEMBER 2006 – APRIL 2007**

	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	Total
Orientation/Job Skills Assessment							
• Scheduled	4,659	4,476	5,212	4,907	4,985	5,280	29,519
• Showed	3,284 (71%)	3,056 (68%)	3,753 (72%)	3,023 (62%)	3,580 (72%)	3,459 (66%)	20,155 (68%)
Job Skills Preparation Class							
• Scheduled	1,124	1,055	1,223	1,023	1,072	1,288	6,785
• Showed	491 (44%)	482 (46%)	633 (52%)	518 (51%)	527 (49%)	633 (49%)	3,284 (48%)
• Completions (1)	340 (69%)	396 (82%)	358 (57%)	364 (70%)	451 (86%)	419 (66%)	2,328 (71%)
Job Placements	822	653	716	694	839	769	4,493
Self-Initiated Programs (SIPs) (2)	698	733	611	662	712	714	
Vocational Assessment							
• Scheduled	122	107	164	119	126	132	770
• Showed	88 (72%)	78 (73%)	121 (74%)	91 (77%)	99 (79%)	91 (69%)	568 (74%)
Education/ Training							
• Starts	33	13	47	34	43	32	202
• Completions	6	3	9	1	2	1	22
Supportive Services Referrals	291	258	229	283	314	311	1,686
GROW Caseload (3)	17,644	16,274	17,888	17,416	17,195	16,958	
GROW Sanctions	2,108	2,127	1,848	1,734	2,151	1,932	11,900

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class (JSPC) completion counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the three-week JSPC class in the previous month, but completed in the report month.
- (2) SIP data includes the total number of participants enrolled in a SIP activity during the month, not just new enrollments.
- (3) GROW Caseload includes Employable and temporarily Unemployable participants assigned to GROW.

GROW UPDATE

November 2006 – April 2007

JOB PLACEMENTS

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of **79,629** job placements have been achieved through the GROW Program.

- On 12/7/06, San Fernando Branch conducted its East Valley Winter Job Fair 2006 "Step Out of the Cold and Into a Hot Job!" at the Employment Development Department (EDD) in Pacoima, in collaboration with EDD, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Los Angeles Unified School Districts and Northeast San Fernando Valley Worksource Center. The event hosted 20 employers, including Los Angeles City, UPS, FedEx, and LAX World Airport. Over 200 job seekers attended the event.
- On 1/24/07, Metro Special GROW hosted an on-site recruitment with Aeroteck. Thirty-five participants attended the event and 10 were hired on the spot.
- On 2/2/07, Civic Center District held a MTA recruitment for bus drivers. Two GROW participants submitted their applications, passed the written test and were to move on to the next phase.
- On 2/6/07, Pasadena GROW hosted an on-site recruitment with Vons. Thirty participants attended and two were hired on the spot.
- On 2/27/07, Lancaster District GROW held an on-site recruitment with Six Flags. Thirty-two GROW participants attended. Seven candidates were given follow-up interviews.
- On 3/21/07, Metro Special GROW hosted "Elder Care Jobs to Careers Recruitment." Twenty-five participants attended the recruitment.
- On 3/22/07, South Central District partnered with the Los Angeles Mission, Union Rescue Mission, Civic Center District, and Weingart Center Association to conduct its 5th Annual Hope Central Job Fair at the Los Angeles Mission. Thirty-one employers participated and over 200 job seekers attended the event.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- Through April 2007, the cumulative participation rates for both Orientation and Job Skills Preparation Class continue to exceed 60%.